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1791-CAGWU

25 July 1952

Subject: Cedar Tree Team Briefing - BENFIELD/SHAM

To : Chief, DYClavier
Washington, D.C.

Info: Chief, DYClavier
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1. Forwarded under separate cover is the Cedar Tree Team briefing. Cedar Tree Team was taken to northern LCFlake on 22 July 1952, they will be infiltrated in the near future.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: C 7
FROM: C 5
SUBJECT: Cedar Team Briefing

The two-member Cedar Team was dispatched to Northern LCFlake 22 July. Infiltration into Kwaahooland is anticipated c/a 24 July at approximately 1320G.

Mission:

Cedar Team's mission is to establish a chain of "letter boxes" with Identity (1) as the base. The drop will be used to bring out any type of documents such as I.D. cards, Front cards, ration cards, Army pay books, Army I.D. cards, discharge papers, travel permits, copies of newspapers and currency bills of commonly used denominations.

Cedar's stay in Kwaahoo is expected to be between 4 to 6 weeks at the end of which time they will return to LCFlake to report on conditions within the country and what success was had with the "letter box" chain.

Training:

Cedar Team received extensive training from () subjects covered were map reading and compass, agent training, air operations, comprehensive field problems, courier training, survival, weapons, first aid and political indoctrination.

Briefing:

Cedar team's briefing was carried out with special emphasis placed on area BHilvos. Although contacts and safe houses in the area were made known to Cedar, it is not believed that the contacts furnished will be used by them, as none of the identities were known to the team. General information gathered from Apple, Pine and Willow debriefings were included in the Cedar briefing. Cedar was briefed that another team had previously entered the area (Valuable's Scrutiny team whose identity was not made known to Cedar) in an attempt to establish contacts for Cedar. The conventional sign to be used by Cedar upon making contact is "HOW SOON WILL THE CANDLES BE LIGHTED".

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Cedar will use its team name upon exfiltration. Anyone exfiltrated by Cedar for use in future operations will use "Cedar Special" as their password.

Clothing & Equipment:

Cedar team was equipped similar to all BGFriend teams, no special equipment being needed for this operation.

Cedar expressed their appreciation for the manner in which they were handled and equipped. They were however, greatly concerned and disappointed when informed that local currency would not be available for the mission. The currency question is again mentioned not to cause animosity, but it is mentioned because Cedar team actually balked at being infiltrated without local currency. (Willow previously had shown like concern.)

It is important to mention that C 2's evaluation team had reported Cedar's motivation high. BGFriend LCPlake officers were impressed with the team's attitude. Yet, it cannot be expected that even the peasant type such as Cedar, will be able to maintain their high motivation when informed that local currency is not available for operations.

Physical Condition:

Cedar Team was in generally good condition. Identity (2), due to his age and previous hardships suffered in KMWashco, was physically the weaker of the two. Identity (3) was in excellent physical condition which should prove valuable over the rugged waterless terrain.

Summary:

Cedar Team, though not of high calibre, displayed a great deal of determination in undertaking their mission. It is sincerely felt by this station that Cedar Team will carry out its mission to the fullest.

Cedar Team was documented with Identity (4) and (5) each of which would serve its own purpose.

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Identities to 1791-CAGMU are:

1. Gjinekaster
2. Isa Gode
3. Boro Kerna
4. Leter Hjoftin
5. H.C.F.A. I.D. Card

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Attach. # 3-A to 1791 CAGWU

Identity Card S 427448
16. 42
Dated 28.7.48

Pseudo: Thanas Nikoli
Team: Cedar
Code Name: Cedar Tree
Area: Gjinokaster Area

Information on Leter Njoftim

Father's Name: Jani
Mother's Name: Katerina
Date of Birth: 1929
Place of Residence: Labova-Zhapt
Marital Status: Single
Military Service: None
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer

Height: 1.75
Hair: Chestnut
Eyes: Blue-Green
Distinguishing Features: None

Civil Issuing Office: Tirana

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Attach.# 3-B to 1791 CAGWU SECURITY INFORMATION

ID Card Q 364529
 # 26239
 VIII 74
Dated 5-II-48

Pseudo: Spiro Pando
Team: Cedar Tree Team
Code Name: Cedar Tree
Area: Gjinokaster

Information on Leter Njoftim

Name: Spiro Pando
Father's Name: Ilia
Mother's Name: Sophie
Date of Birth: 1899
Place of Birth: Grazhda
Street No: None
Marital Status: Single
Army Service: None
Leading Profession: Farmer
Present Profession: Farmer
Height: 1.72
Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Grey

Civil Issuing Office: Tirana

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Name: Boro Kerma
Date of Birth: 1929
Place of Birth: Progonat
Father's Name: Musa
Date of Birth: Unknown
Place of Birth: Progonat
Mother's Name: Mire Dana
Date of Birth: Unknown
Place of Birth: Progonat
Residence: Progonat
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Farmer
Military Service: 1944-1947 drafted, was a member of the 5th
Brigade
Education: 5 Years elementary school, speaks only Albanian
Political Party: None
Height: 1.75
Eyes: Blue Green
Hair: Brown

Distinguishing Features: None

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Name: Isa Godo
Date of Birth: 1899
Place of Birth: Golem (Gjinokaster)
Father's Name: Iliaz
Date of Birth: Unknown
Place of Birth: Golem
Mother's Name: Bebe Hysaj
Date of Birth: Unknown
Place of Birth: Golem
Place of Residence: Golem
Religion: Moslem
Leading Profession: Gendarmere N.C.O.
Present Profession: Farmer
Military Service: Served in Gendarmere
Wife Name: Fahrije (Takaaj)
Date of Birth: Unknown
Place of Birth: Golem
Number of Children: 5
Names and Dates of Birth:

Bejlere	1922	(female)	
Xhezo	1924	(male)	
Hamit	1937	(male)	twins
Nasudie	1937	(female)	
Petrit	1940	(male)	

Education: Courses in the Gendarmere
Languages: Albanian, Italian (fair), Greek (fair)
Height: 1.72
Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Grey
Distinguishing Features: None

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